

## Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Bi-Monthly Conference Call

### Minutes

October 9, 2012

No call in December due to BPCP training.

Next call February 12, 2013 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Present: Cascade, Gallatin, Missoula, Ravalli, Silver Bow, Northern Cheyenne (non-BPCP), State Office – Chris Fogelman

Absent: Custer/DEAP, Deer Lodge, Flathead, Hill, Lewis and Clark, RiverStone

### Agenda Items

Chris Fogelman – **Information about support of breastfeeding under the recent changes to affordable health care requirements**

<b>Breastfeeding support, supplies, and counseling.</b>	Comprehensive lactation support and counseling, by a trained provider during pregnancy and/or in the postpartum period, and costs for renting breastfeeding equipment.	In conjunction with each birth.
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I spoke with the State Auditor's office about the component of Breastfeeding (support, supplies and counseling) under the Affordable Care Act. Montana is currently interpreting it as it stands and has not placed any limits or restrictions on the component.

Some insurance plans have taken a stance of "grandfathered" until 2014. This means they did not change anything in their plan. Unless the preventive service was available in their plan it will not be in the current year plan (nor will additional preventive services be added). It could be a group plan or an individually purchased plan. Employers providing a group plan are to inform members if the plan is "grandfathered". Individual purchases of coverage would have to ask their insurance company about the plan's status.

As an example, the plan for state employees was "grandfathered" last year, but will not be beginning with the 2013 plan.

<http://www.healthcare.gov/news/factsheets>

Chris Fogelman – **Update on the December training**

Flyer out soon (this week); register early for a spot as after November 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will be first come, first serve with no favoritism

Each local Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program will have time to spotlight their program and activities. The session will also include the sharing of ideas and input from each other to improve local BPCP services in Montana.

Other Discussion Issues - none